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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Richard Thomas GIBSON

1. An [redacted] source has provided the following information on Subject:

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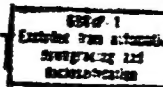
a. Richard Thomas GIBSON, a U. S. citizen, born 13 May 1931 in Los Angeles, occupation: journalist and translator, arrived in Lausanne, Switzerland from Algiers in late April 1963 and he has resided there ever since. GIBSON, who holds U. S. passport B-131994 issued in Washington on 25 January 1961, is married to Joy Marjorie GIBSON, nee KAYE, a journalist and British Subject who holds British passport C 156546.

b. Subject came to the attention of the [redacted] source recently through his association with Fredy Gilbert Hils ANDERSSON. ANDERSSON, a Swedish citizen born 14 February 1933 in Lausanne, editor-publisher of "La Cite" and editor-secretary of "Societe co-operative CLARKE EDITIONS" has offices at 10-11 Metropole, Lausanne. ANDERSSON has been known to have had for the past ten years numerous contacts in international leftist circles of all shades, including FLN-Algerians, Congolese, Angolans, other African politicians, Spanish emigres, French "refractaires anti-colonialistes", etc.

c. Despite all the aforementioned contacts, ANDERSSON cannot be definitely labeled as a communist and is viewed with some reserve by the Swiss Communist Party (PCA) prominence. More recently ANDERSSON came to special notice for his close contacts with the CHICOM embassy in Switzerland, particularly with LAO Hain, the Cultural Attache. In April 1963 it was learned that ANDERSSON published a luxury-edition of a brochure, entitled "L'ennemi et le revisionisme moderne" on CHICOM orders. This brochure raised many unfavorable reactions in PCA circles. Three thousand copies of this brochure are reported to have been shipped to China.

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d. When Vice-President LO Chang of the Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries stayed in Switzerland in April 1963, he reportedly met ANDERSSON and placed more orders for ANDERSSON to publish Chinese Communist brochures supporting the CHICOM line in the present Sino-Soviet ideological controversy.

e. ANDERSSON is the distributor for Switzerland of the monthly review "Revolution Africaine" which is published in Paris. Richard GIBSON and his wife are employed by ANDERSSON (i.e. for the Paris publishing firm) and they are responsible for translation, proof-reading, etc. of the English-language edition of "African Revolution" which is printed in Lausanne.

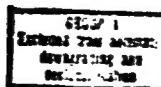
2. The [] source has no previous record of the GIBSONs nor any adverse information to date. They have requested information on them. Permission is requested to pass the following summary on Subject, taken from reports of your Bureau, to the [] source (reference is made to your file on Richard GIBSON, No. 105-93072 and specifically to the reports on him dated 5 October 1961, 24 January 1962, 27 August 1962, 17 September 1962, 24 September 1962, and 20 May 1963):

a. Richard Thomas Gibson, American Negro journalist, born 13 May 1931 in Los Angeles, California, was active in the New York chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) from the time of its organization in the spring of 1960 until his departure for Algeria in the fall of 1962. The FPCC has been supported by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and Gibson has busied himself as well with other front groups in the United States supported by the SWP. (The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.)

b. Gibson apparently began to lose interest in the FPCC, partly because of inadequate pay and operating funds, by the spring of 1962 when he stated that he intended to leave the organization in the fall. Gibson left Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, in September 1962 for Algeria where he planned to work as a journalist for several South American and European newspapers (none identified) and to travel to Morocco, Ghana, Guinea and Mali before returning to the United States. Eventually, both Gibson and his wife were given posts with Revolution Africaine a journal reportedly financed by the Algerian Government.

c. Gibson's English wife, Sarah, was identified with the "English Bureau" of Revolution Africaine as of February 1963. Prior to his departure from the United States Gibson served as Executive Secretary

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of the Liberation Committee for Africa as well as serving as acting Executive Secretary of the FPCC. The Liberation Committee for Africa is an organization which is nationwide with the aim of helping "African freedom fighters" and promoting awareness of a common heritage for Afro-Americans and Africans.

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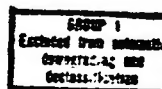
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